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REMARKS**INTRODUCTION:**

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-10 and 16 have been amended. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11 and 16 are pending and under consideration.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a):

In the Office Action, at page 3, claims 1-11 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 in view of Brabson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,715,395) and Rybicki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,030,081). The reasons for the rejection are set forth in the Office Action and therefore are not repeated. The rejection is traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Independent claim 1 recites "said first computer comprises resource information managing means for managing information relating to resources, including the position in the real world of the resources. . . ." Claim 1 further recites "when said second computer is connected to said network circuit. . . said resource setting means receives the content of the resource information. . . and sets the resource." Thus, information regarding the location (i.e., the room where the user is) of a resource, such as a printer, is transferred from the first computer to the second computer, which uses this information to set the resource. An object of the present invention is to help the user connect his computer with a resource, by notifying the user of the location of the resource in the real world.

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In contrast, Brabson et al. does not disclose this transferring of real world position information. It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner mistakenly construes the "physical address" of Brabson et al. to be equivalent to the "position in the real world" of the system of claim 1. The physical address of Brabson et al. "may change depending on where the resource is connected to the network." Column 3, lines 6-7. Since the "physical address" relates to the resource connection, it has nothing to do with a "real world" position of the resource. For example, it does not distinguish whether the user's printer is located at the user's workstation as opposed to in a room down the hallway. Furthermore, the cited portion of Brabson et al. implies that an IP address is dynamically allocated by DHCP. This would then further imply that this "physical address" has no relation to the position in the real world.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 is requested.

Independent claims 2-10 and 16, and dependent claim 11 recite similar features and are therefore patentable over Brabson et al. and Rybicki et al. for similar reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of these claims is requested.

Furthermore, with respect to all claims, it is submitted that the Examiner's combination of Brabson et al. with Rybicki et al. is based upon impermissible hindsight. In the August 11, 2000 Office Action, the Examiner did not set forth any motivation for one skilled in the art to combine these references. In the Office Action dated October 6, 1999, the Examiner stated (on page 4) that the motivation would have been to improve flexibility of the system, thereby allowing portable computers to connect all over the world. However, there is no teaching or suggestion within the cited references that this benefit would result from their combination.

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Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the combination of Brabson et al. and Rybicki et al. is improper.

CONCLUSION:

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. And further, that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any remaining informalities to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such informalities.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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